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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed November 15, 2005, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.